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In response to the outstanding NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) mailed 22 September 1999,

Applicant hereby respectfully submits the following:

- (1) an English translation of the application;
- (2) a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment;
- (3) a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the processing fee for late

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(4) a duplicate copy of the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US), as requested in the Notice.

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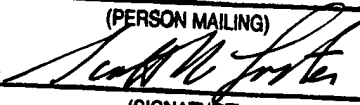
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The invention concerns a method of rotting compostable material in a quasi-stationary
continuous process, wherein, on completion of predetermined stages, partial flows of the material
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